## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon. Harold A. Ackerman

v. ; Criminal No. 07-332

RUSSELL CHRISTIE : SCHEDULING AND CONTINUANCE ORDER

This matter having come before the Court on the joint application of Christopher J. Christie, United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey (by Lee D. Vartan, Assistant U.S. Attorney), and defendant Russell Christie (by Lorraine Gauli-Rufo, Esq., Assistant Federal Public Defender), for an order setting the briefing and trial schedules in this matter and for an order granting a continuance of the proceedings in this matter:

IT IS ORDERED that any reply to defendant's pre-trial motions shall be filed no later than June 3, 2008;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that argument of the motions filed shall be set by the Court;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the trial in this matter shall be set by the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the period from May 12, 2008 through July 14, 2008 shall be excludable in computing time under the Speedy Trial Act of 1974 because: (1) the parties are preparing to engage in preliminary discussions concerning entering into a plea agreement, and the defendant desires additional time to review discovery, and both the United States and the defendant seek additional time to pursue such discussions, which may render trial of this matter unnecessary; (2) the defendant has consented to the continuance; (3) the grant of a continuance will likely conserve judicial resources; and (4) pursuant to Title 18 of the United

States Code, Section 3161(h)(8), the ends of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

HON. HAROLD A. ACKERMAN

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United States District Judge